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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
The Portals  
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: 2.5 GHz Transition Initiation Plan for Rochester-Austin-Albert Lea, MN (BTA 378)  
WT Docket No. 06-136

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 27.1231(f) of the Federal Communications Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 27.1231(f), Nextel Spectrum Acquisition Corp., a wholly owned subsidiary of Sprint Nextel Corporation (collectively "Sprint Nextel"), hereby submits this Initiation Plan to transition the Broadband Radio Service ("BRS") and Educational Broadband Service ("EBS") licensees in Basic Trading Area ("BTA") 378 – Rochester-Austin-Albert Lea, MN.<sup>1</sup>

As indicated below, this Initiation Plan filing includes: (i) identification of the BTA being transitioned; (ii) a list by call sign of the BRS and EBS licensees in the BTA that is being transitioned; (iii) a "best estimate" of when the transition will be completed; (iv) a statement indicating that adjacent BTA 285 is being transitioned to avoid interference to licensees in BTA 378; (v) a statement that there is no co-proponent; and (vi) a certification that Sprint Nextel has the funds available to pay the reasonable expected costs of the transition.

***Section 27.1231(f)(1)(i), List of BTAs.***

The BTA being transitioned is listed in Exhibit A.

***Section 27.1231(f)(1)(ii), List of Transitioning Licensees.***

A list by call sign of the BRS and EBS licensees in the BTA that is being transitioned is provided in Exhibit A.

***Section 27.1231(f)(1)(iii), Best Estimate for Completion.***

After evaluating the various factors at issue in transitioning these licensees, including the number of licensees being transitioned, Sprint Nextel's best estimate for completion of this transition is on or before February 29, 2008.

***Section 27.1231(f)(1)(iv), Statement on Adjacent BTAs.***

Sprint Nextel has determined that it is necessary to transition the single BRS/EBS licensee in adjacent BTA 285 along with licensees in the Rochester-Austin-Albert Lea, MN BTA 378 in order to avoid interference to the licensees in the Rochester-Austin-Albert Lea, MN BTA. Our analysis shows that potential harmful interference to the transitioned licensees in BTA 378 may occur from operations in BTA 285.

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<sup>1</sup> Sprint Nextel is eligible to serve as the proponent to transition this area under section 27.1231(c)(1) of the Commission's rules. 47 C.F.R. § 27.1231(c). Sprint Nextel has also satisfied all necessary conditions for filing an Initiation Plan, including sending a Pre-Transition Data Request and a Transition Notice to the BRS and EBS licensee in the subject BTA. See 47 C.F.R. §§ 27.1231(d)-(e).

**Section 27.1231(f)(1)(v), Statement on Co-Proponent.**

Not applicable. Sprint Nextel is not transitioning this market jointly with a co-proponent.

**Section 27.1231(f)(1)(vi), Certification of Funds.**

Sprint Nextel certifies, based on the data collected through the Pre-Transition Data Requests, that it has sufficient funds available to pay the reasonable expected costs of the transition. As of December 31, 2006, as reported in Sprint Nextel's SEC Form 10-K, Sprint Nextel had total assets of \$97.161 billion.<sup>2</sup>

In the event you have any questions regarding the Initiation Plan, please contact the undersigned at (703) 433-4222.

Sincerely,

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<sup>2</sup> See Sprint Nextel Corporation Form 10-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 01, 2007.

## EXHIBIT A

Sprint Nextel is transitioning the Rochester-Austin-Albert Lea, MN BTA. The following list sets forth, by call sign, all BRS and EBS licensees that are being transitioned pursuant to this Initiation Plan.

Call Sign	Licensee Name	BTA Name
WNC589	Southern Minnesota Quality Broadcasting, Inc.	Rochester-Austin-Albert Lea, MN
WHR753	Minnesota Public Radio	Rochester-Austin-Albert Lea, MN
B378	Nextel Spectrum Acquisition Corp.	Rochester-Austin-Albert Lea, MN
WNTJ817	Nextel Spectrum Acquisition Corp.	Rochester-Austin-Albert Lea, MN
WLX469	Pine Island Public Schools	Rochester-Austin-Albert Lea, MN
WMH332	Walter L. Bush, Jr.	Rochester-Austin-Albert Lea, MN